

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A software execution method comprising:  
a detection step of detecting a location; and  
a termination step of terminating the execution of  
5 software in accordance with said location.

2. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
said software is terminated at a location other than a  
10 predetermined location.

3. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said detection step, a location is  
detected from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.  
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4. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
software for controlling semiconductor manufacturing  
procedures is terminated.  
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5. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
remote access software is terminated.

25 6. A software execution method according to claim  
1, wherein, at said termination step, information  
written on a part is read and the execution of software

is terminated in accordance with said information and said detected location.

5 7. A software execution apparatus comprising:  
detection means for detecting a location; and  
termination means for terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said location.

10 8. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of said software at a location other than a  
predetermined location.

15 9. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said detection means detects a  
location from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.

20 10. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of software for controlling semiconductor  
manufacturing procedures.

25 11. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 7, wherein said termination means terminates the  
execution of remote access software.

12. A software execution apparatus according to

claim 7, wherein said termination means reads  
information written on a part, and terminates the  
execution of software in accordance with said  
information and said detected location.

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13. A storage medium on which is stored a program  
comprising:

a detection step of detecting a location; and

10 a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said location.

14. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
said software is terminated at a location other than a  
15 predetermined location.

15. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said detection step, a location is detected  
from a GPS signal received by a GPS receiver.

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16. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said termination step, the execution of  
software for controlling semiconductor manufacturing  
procedures is terminated.

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17. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said termination step, the execution of

remote access software is terminated.

18. A storage medium according to claim 13,  
wherein, at said termination step, information written  
5 on a part is read and the execution of software is  
terminated in accordance with said information and said  
detected location.

19. A software execution method comprising:  
10 a reception step of receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and

a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

20. A software execution method according to  
15 claim 19, wherein at said termination step the  
execution of software is terminated in accordance with  
time information included in said GPS signal.

21. A software execution apparatus comprising:  
20 reception means for receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and  
termination means for terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

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22. A software execution apparatus according to  
claim 21, wherein said termination means terminates the

execution of software in accordance with time  
information included in said GPS signal.

5 23. A storage medium on which is stored a program  
comprising:

a reception step of receiving a GPS signal from a  
GPS receiver; and

10 a termination step of terminating the execution of  
software in accordance with said GPS signal.

24. A storage medium according to claim 23,  
wherein at said termination step the execution of  
software is terminated in accordance with time  
information included in said GPS signal.

15 25. A monitoring apparatus comprising:  
first reception means, for receiving a  
notification signal from a monitor target apparatus;  
second reception means, for receiving a GPS  
20 signal; and

monitoring means, for employing said notification  
signal and said GPS signal to monitor the legality of  
software used by said monitor target apparatus.

25 26. A remote access control apparatus comprising:  
determination means, for determining the location  
of a remote access station; and

control means, for terminating a remote access in accordance with said location of said remote access station.

5           27. A remote access apparatus comprising:  
reading means, for reading apparatus information recorded on an optical part; and

transmission means, for transmitting to a remote access destination, in order to notify an apparatus for  
10 which remote access is permitted, said apparatus information obtained by said reading means.

28. A remote access apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said transmission means transmits said  
15 apparatus information and a GPS signal.

29. A software management apparatus comprising:  
information acquisition means, for externally obtaining time information and/or location information;  
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halting means, for halting the execution of software in accordance with a comparison of said time information and/or said location information with information written in said software.

25           30. A software management apparatus according to claim 29, wherein said information acquisition means